

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 10, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. March 10th, 1892. My darling wifie:

My hand is getting better. Can now move forefinger a little — cannot yet write excepting with difficulty.

Glad to get your telegram this morning. Mrs. Pratt appeared while we were at breakfast in my parlor. She told us all that had been discovered about Helen Keller and the origin of the “Frost King” story. Helen and her teacher seem to have been treated in a most unjust and outrageous manner by Mr. Anagnos — who seems to have failed to grasp the importance of the Frost King incident — and seems to suspect either Miss Sullivan or her dear little pupil — of an untruth.

I see clearly that a full investigation of the incident will throw light on the manner in which Helen has acquired her marvelous knowledge of language — and do much good. The child is quite incapable of falsehood about the matter — and her teacher never saw the book which undoubtedly suggested the story. I intend to come out strongly upon the subject soon. Will spend Sunday at Brewster Mass. with Helen and her teacher — so as to complete my investigation. I can then be of much assistance to Miss Sullivan.

Spent this afternoon with Mr. Roberts going over history of the telephone. Took my Father and Mr. Hitz to the theatre this evening.

Tomorrow will be a day of study with Mr. Roberts and evening with my father.

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My father and Mr. Hitz will leave for Washington Saturday morning — and on Saturday afternoon I will go to Brewster.

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Good night my darling.

Your loving husband, Alec. Mrs. A. G. Bell, Florence, Italy.